

Republicans are committed to defending our Nation from further terrorist attacks and are taking the initiative to vote in the coming weeks on two important pieces of legislation integral to fighting the war on terror. We will vote to authorize the terrorist surveillance program that monitors calls only from known or suspected terrorists outside of our country to cells within the United States. We will also vote to authorize military tribunals for known or suspected terrorists. It is commonsense justice to try terrorists under military tribunals rather than afford them a trial in the criminal court, a part of our very life-style they are trying to destroy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

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LARRY COX POST OFFICE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5434) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the "Larry Cox Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5434

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LARRY COX POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the "Larry Cox Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Larry Cox Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5434 offered by the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) would designate the post office building in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the Larry Cox Post Office.

Larry Cox began his career with the Chillicothe police department in 1986. From that point until his untimely death in April of 2005, he devoted himself to protecting and improving the community around him. He served as a DARE officer for city and parochial schools teaching students about the dangers of drug use, and made a positive impact on their lives that really is immeasurable. He devoted much of his personal time to mentoring students and greatly enjoyed chaperoning school dances and functions.

The day of Officer Cox's death is marked both by his courage and his commitment to the police force. He was off duty, but he did not hesitate to come to the aid of fellow officers who were pursuing a fleeing suspect. The suspect shot and killed Officer Cox, and he will be deeply missed by his family and the community of Chillicothe, Ohio.

In recognition of this brave officer, I hope that all Members will join me in naming the Chillicothe postal facility in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House Government Reform Committee, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5434, which names a postal facility in Chillicothe, Ohio, after Officer Larry Cox. H.R. 5434 was introduced by Representative ROBERT NEY on May 19, 2006.

This measure, which was unanimously reported by the Government Reform Committee on June 8, 2006, was cosponsored by the entire Ohio Congressional delegation. Officer Cox, a member of the Chillicothe police department for 19 years, was serving as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education, DARE officer, at the time of his death. Although off duty, Officer Cox was shot and killed on April 25, 2005, as he chased and confronted a robbery suspect.

Mr. Speaker, I support this measure as a fitting tribute to the service and bravery of Officer Larry Cox and urge its passage.

I don't believe that I am going to have any additional speakers on this item and therefore yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Ohio (Mr. NEY), the author of this bill.

Mr. NEY. I want to thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for bringing this bill forth

and my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), for supporting this important bill, important not only to the memory of Officer Larry Cox, but important to the memory of law enforcement also.

Yesterday was, of course, the anniversary of 9/11, and so many people, Mr. Speaker, tragically lost their lives, but it was evident and mentioned yesterday so many times over and over about law enforcement and the firefighters that went in to try to save others and put themselves right into harm's way.

We can only remember a few years ago here in the U.S. Capitol when 9/11 happened, and at that time the officers were telling people to clear the buildings as thousands of people left this Capitol, yet the officers stayed here to put themselves again in harm's way. So over and over again we have seen it on Capitol Hill with law enforcement, and we have to be so respectful of law enforcement and firefighters.

In today's case, talking about a wonderful individual, I rise today to support H.R. 5434, a bill to name the post office in Chillicothe, Ohio, in the 18th District I represent, in honor of Police Officer Larry Cox. I also want to thank Rob Cogan of our staff and Denise Wilson of Government Reform for making this bill possible today.

Officer Cox was a man of dignity and compassion, a 19-year veteran of the Chillicothe police force in Chillicothe, Ohio. Officer Cox was a devoted law enforcement official who had dedicated his life to one of our Nation's noblest fights, keeping our children away from drugs.

As a DARE officer, Officer Cox was able to provide impressionable elementary school students with the guidance and support that many could not find anywhere else. Having been a star athlete growing up, Officer Cox knew the pressures these young students face, and he was always quick to offer a kind word and listening ear to any student who needed a little extra attention.

On the evening of Thursday, April 21, 2005, as Officer Cox walked home from visiting his parents, he surprised a fleeing robbery suspect, who then shot him in an utterly senseless act of violence. He was 44 years old. Officer Larry Cox is survived by his wife, Teresa, and his son, Evan, as well as his parents and sister.

It is times like these that we can question sometimes the world we live in, but we must not let the senseless act blind us from the good that is around, the compassion of our teachers, the innocence of our children, and the ultimate bravery of our law enforcement officials. For it is these things that Officer Cox was born of and ultimately died for.

So I stand here today to honor the life of Officer Larry Cox, to honor each and every law enforcement official that risks his or her life to protect the most treasured pieces of our community. Officer Cox understood these treasures. Officer Cox years ago, I believe, looked

in the mirror and saw himself as the person who would accept responsibility to make this a safer and better world. That is the type of individual that Officer Larry Cox was. He understood the importance of the treasures and the paramount importance of caring for others.

With that, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation naming the Larry Cox Post Office in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I also have no other demands for time. I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 5434, and I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5434.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOSHUA A. TERANDO PRINCETON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5428) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the "Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building", as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5428

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JOSHUA A. TERANDO MORRIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Joshua A. Terando Morris Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Joshua A. Terando Morris Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5428, as amended, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER), would designate the post office building in Morris, Illinois, as the Joshua A. Terando Post Office Building.

By all accounts, Joshua Terando's love for his country was second to none, and his patriotism was evident in his service to our United States Army. After completing basic training, Joshua graduated from Ranger school and went on to become the leader of his platoon.

He completed his third year of active duty in 2001 and had just 18 months left in the Reserves when he was called back to serve in Iraq in June 2005. Twenty-seven year-old Joshua Terando was killed in November of that year when his tank was attacked by enemy forces.

His family and friends remind us that Joshua believed our country is worth fighting and dying for. It is with great gratitude that we thank him for his service. We thank him for his bravery and sacrifice and for the sacrifice of those who loved him.

I ask all Members to join me in naming the Morris, Illinois, postal facility in honor of Joshua A. Terando.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Government Reform Committee I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5428, which names the postal facility in Morris, Illinois, after the late Joshua A. Terando. H.R. 5428 was introduced by my colleague from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) on May 19, 2006.

This measure, which was unanimously reported by the Government Reform Committee on June 8, 2006, was cosponsored by the entire Illinois Congressional delegation. U.S. Army Sergeant Joshua A. Terando, age 27, a Reservist assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, based in Washington, Pennsylvania, was killed on November 10, 2005. He died at Al Taqaddum, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his tank was attacked by enemy forces.

Sergeant Terando had completed 6 years of active duty in 2001 when he was called back. He had just over a year to serve in the Army Reserves. Joshua was remembered by his family as quick-witted, easygoing and loving.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the sacrifice of soldier Joshua Terando by designating a postal office in his name in his hometown. No greater gift can one give than their life in the service and protection of others.

I strongly support this measure and urge its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume

to my distinguished colleague from the State of Illinois (Mr. WELLER), the author of this resolution.

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5428, legislation I introduced to honor Joshua Adam Terando by naming the Morris Post Office Building in his honor. I also want to thank my good friend from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) as well as my good friend from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for their help on floor today.

Joshua Terando is a local hero from Morris, Illinois. He gave his life for his country when he was killed on November 10, 2005, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today this House will be voting on legislation I introduced, along with the cosponsorship of the entire Illinois delegation, including the Speaker of this House, which designates the Morris Post Office the Joshua A. Terando Post Office Building. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Army Sergeant Joshua A. Terando was born and raised in Spring Valley, Illinois, until his family moved to Morris in 1990. Sergeant Terando graduated from Morris Community High School in 1996, and after his graduation, Sergeant Terando pursued work as a welder and went on to enlist in the United States Army in 1998, where he served his country for 3 years.

After Sergeant Terando finished his enlistment with the Army, he joined Boilermaker Union Local One in Chicago and worked as a boilermaker apprentice from 2001 to 2005.

In June of 2005, Sergeant Terando returned to the United States Army and was deployed to Iraq. He served as a sergeant, 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division.

His other service duty included HHC 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; HHC 3rd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, HHC 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry; and 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division.

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He was affectionately nicknamed "Scrumpy" by members of his platoon who were very fond of their comrade and leader.

In October of 2005, Sergeant Joshua Terando showed all of us the true meaning of being a hero when his unit was sent to help evacuate fellow soldiers caught in enemy fire. Accounts by members of Sergeant Terando's unit hold that he saved at least one life on that mission, that of a fellow sergeant whose body Sergeant Terando shielded with his own until the man was evacuated by medical personnel. It is actions like these that make our men and women in uniform some of the bravest individuals in the world.

On November 10, 2005, according to accounts, Sergeant Joshua Terando's unit, which was a quick response unit, was sent in to provide security for a mission to retrieve a disabled M1A1